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Strutele

1. [ ] a labor camp in East Prussia in 1945. [ ] was then moved to the USSR. [ ] In late 1948 or early 1949, the women were transferred to a labor camp at Strutele, Latvia (N56-47, E22-55). There were no guards in the camp, and it was possible to move about freely. [ ]

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[ ] In March 1949, large-scale deportations were carried out throughout Latvia, and the Germans in the camp were afraid that they would be deported.

Irlava

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4. little war damage in Irlava, but the church and the dairy were destroyed.

Riga

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the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and finally to the main militia office, which was located in a large building near the main station. The militia officials were all Soviets

6.

prices on the Central Market in Riga in 1951:

<u>Product(Unit:1 kg)</u>	<u>Price(in rubles)</u>
butter	35 and up
meat(bony)	7-8
bread	3-4
Salted fish	7-8
Seasoned fish	14

Ozolnieki

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[redacted] the militia office in Yelgava [redacted] was located in a red-brick building near St. Ann's Church [redacted]

[redacted] Latvian officers, but most of the militiamen were Soviets. (Militiamen in Ozolnieki included both Latvians and Soviets.) The MVD was in another building where the Germans were assembled when repatriated. When the Germans were assembled in Yelgava for repatriation, the militia, or MVD, took all the Germans to a restaurant in the evening and paid for the meals and some drinks. The militiamen were exceptionally kind during the repatriation action, both at the assembly center in Yelgava and at the assembly center in Siauliai, Lithuania, where the transport started. In Siauliai, there were dances every evening and the militia officers asked the Germans to tell how nice life was in Latvia and Lithuania, when they reached Germany.

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